

REVEALS NEW PHASE OF "SLAVE" TRAFFIC

Woman's Letter Declares Gangs Use Misleading "Ads" to Entrap.

Special to The Washington Herald.
New York, Sept. 3.—A new phase of the white slave industry is revealed by a letter by District Attorney Swann yesterday from a woman. She gives alleged facts and details which Mr. Swann deems worthy of careful investigation. The letter follows:

"In New York there is a gang of picture gaffers meeting in what is called the 'Coffee House.' Their chief plan is to sell fraudulent art in the shape of bogus miniatures and false paintings to wealthy persons.

How Victims Are Trapped.
"To do this they advertise in different towns for young ladies to travel. They always want girls with innocent faces to do this. They then look up the antecedents, and if the girl has the proper money they trap the young person by force or otherwise into their power and force them through the threat of the fact that they are compromised to sell their meat tickets and white slaves. I was gotten into this game by force of circumstances. I had poverty and trouble at home caused by my father's death. Being naturally ambitious and positively humiliated by the situation, I was introduced into the business by a sister of mine, who, for the same reason as I, had come into this.

"The thing was done in this way: A 'friend' in Vermont made so much trouble for me by refusing financial aid that when I went to Boston I was prostrated. While there my business was attached and I received such distressing letters from home that I was almost wild. I thought that possibly this boarding house keeper had been approached and my character attacked, so I went to his office and after a terrible fight thought I had overcome the obstacles. The outcome was that I was doped and ruined. This was done so cleverly that at first I thought the blame was on me entirely, as my betrayer claimed that I was a willing victim.

The scheme as it later developed was to induce me to get business for this New York man in the real estate line by taking men out and getting them into and revealing such distressing letters from home that I was almost wild. I thought that possibly this boarding house keeper had been approached and my character attacked, so I went to his office and after a terrible fight thought I had overcome the obstacles. The outcome was that I was doped and ruined. This was done so cleverly that at first I thought the blame was on me entirely, as my betrayer claimed that I was a willing victim.

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MAYOR, UNDER FIRE, QUILTS.

Los Angeles Executive Resigns Following Newspaper Attacks.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 3.—A series of charges against Mayor Charles E. Sebastian, conducted by newspapers opposed to him, resulted today in his resignation.

The mayor gave his health and general disgust at the harassment to which he had been subjected as his reasons for getting out. The mayor announced that a suit for criminal libel started some time ago against an evening newspaper would be withdrawn.

ANNAPOLIS "MIDDY" OFFICERS APPOINTED

Selected on Basis of "Fitness and Aptitude."

Special to The Washington Herald.
Annapolis, Md., Sept. 3.—Midshipmen officers, selected upon the basis of their fitness and aptitude to command, were announced today for the regiment at the Naval Academy during the coming academic term. Frederick E. Haeberle, of California, wins highest honor, and will be the commander and ranking officer of the regiment when the academy opens on October 2.

There will be four battalions, and the midshipmen lieutenant commanders will command the respective battalions have been designated as follows: Edmund E. Brady, Jr., Maine; Andrew I. McKee, Kentucky; Avery, Pennsylvania; and Norborne L. Rawlings, Virginia.

Seventeen midshipmen lieutenants have been appointed, and from this number the regimental and battalion adjutants will be chosen, and the others will serve as the company commanders. The appointments are: Houston L. Maples, Alabama; Henry R. Oster, New York; Clarence W. Johnson, Minnesota; Ingolf N. Kiland, Wisconsin; Edward A. Mitchell, New York; Frank H. Dean, Delaware; Edward B. Rogers, Virginia; Jay A. Allen, New Mexico; John O'D. Richmond, Pennsylvania; Nicholas Vythail, Illinois; Francis C. Danebirk, Wyoming; Carl P. Hansen, Maine; Harrison, Pennsylvania; Robert W. Fleming, Louisiana; Edward J. Moan, Illinois; Robert E. Keating, Illinois; and Clarence O. Ward, Nebraska.

The following have been named as midshipmen junior lieutenants: J. E. Cottrander, R. E. Dees, P. W. F. Hufschke, T. A. Schumacher, C. Campbell, H. G. Fahrion, A. D. Douglas, R. B. Dashiell, A. G. Shepard, R. G. Tobin, D. B. Dunbar, J. H. Jones, J. T. Moberg, J. E. Collins, P. U. Tevis, R. Dunwoody, V. J. Moore, V. F. Grant, W. P. Davis, B. H. Wyatt, and R. L. Porter, Jr.

The midshipmen ensigns are: G. W. McInnis, Jr., D. W. Coe, H. N. Walling, S. P. Fullinwider, Jr., B. A. Staud, F. B. Stump, G. T. Howard, F. W. Neilson, F. S. Irbly, L. J. Hudson, H. B. Salada, C. V. D. Headlee, H. W. Clark, J. B. Herrman, T. R. Cooley, M. Comstock, C. W. Browning, E. H. Jones, C. M. Jones, H. W. Anderson, and W. C. Ludlow, Jr.

FARMERS HOLD GRAIN FOR HIGHER PRICES

Expect Wheat to Rise to New Price Levels.

(By the International News Service.)
Chicago, Ill., Sept. 3.—The grip of the farmer is tight on his wheat holdings. It is a general belief throughout the country that it will take much higher prices to induce him to let go of at least a part of the grain he now holds. Hugh Ross, who has traveled over much of the Southwest, says the average farmer is proceeding with his plowing and other work and giving little thought to the selling of his wheat.

Reports from Kansas and the Southwest say plowing for wheat was generally retarded in August because of the dry and unfavorable soil conditions. In the Middle West the ground is in excellent shape, and farmers are pushing the work. It is believed that the wheat acreage in the Southwest will exceed that of last year under favorable conditions for farm work as the present prices of that grain are attractive.

Labor Day will be a holiday and the board of trade will be closed. The markets of the old world will be open as usual, and there are likely to be some export purchases by the agents of the various governments. Great Britain needs wheat in large quantities. Holland has given orders for both wheat and flour, and Greece wants both of these commodities in big amounts.

THROWS BABE INTO WELL.

Insane Woman Watches Infant in Death Struggle.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 3.—"He had to be drowned and I thought I was the one to do it."

This is the explanation Mrs. C. F. Skinner, wife of a farmer living near Lithonia, made to officers when they came to arrest her for killing her 2-year-old son.

The woman was declared insane. She carried her baby to an old well and threw it in, standing by and peering down until the little form ceased to struggle in the water. An older child told the neighbors, who summoned the authorities.

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LINCOLN'S BIRTHPLACE NOW A NATIONAL ASSET

Government Heads to Accept Gift From States Today.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Hogenville, Ky., Sept. 3.—The Lincoln Farm Association tomorrow will present to the nation the Lincoln farm, the log cabin birthplace of Lincoln, a memorial building which shelters the cabin and a fund of \$75,000 for the upkeep of the gift.

Arrangements for the ceremonies have been in the hands of a committee of several hundred prominent citizens of the State. Henry Clay, the great orator, chairman and William Marshall Bullitt, active chairman.

The money for the purchase of the property and its maintenance was subscribed by citizens of all sections of the country. The ground was bought to be sold to a distillery when sought for the association. The cabin was rescued from an itinerant showman.

It was completed and stands as a testimonial of the amity and mutual love and respect of all the States and a memorial to Abraham Lincoln.

NEGRO CRAPS SHOOTER SLAYS IN COLD BLOOD

Special to The Washington Herald.

Chester, Pa., Sept. 3.—Delaney Green, 30, was shot down in a cold-blooded manner tonight in the vicinity of Third and Franklin streets by Brade Henry, 25, and he died almost instantly.

The men are negroes, and the shooting was the outcome of a dispute over a crap game played last night. Henry was well prepared for trouble, being provided with two loaded guns, and when he met Green on the street tonight he deliberately opened fire and sent four bullets into his victim's body.

The murderer then tried to escape, throwing his guns away as he ran, but a squad of fifteen patrolmen, who happened to be reporting at the city hall, pursued and ambushed the runaway.

SUNDAY'S TABERNACLE MAY BE FIGHT ARENA

Special to The Washington Herald.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 3.—The Boston fight fans are scheming to get "Billy" Sunday's tabernacle for a temple of boxing. The Sunday camp in Boston is prepared to knock out any such scheme. The very idea scandalizes them.

A group of sporting men who have taken out a charter as the "Clava Athletic Club" believe that the building now being erected for Sunday's converts to "hit the trail" in will be just the thing after the revivalist leaves here in which to "hit the mitt."

William Hodge, chairman-secretary of the local Sunday committee, scorns the bare idea of the tabernacle ever being transformed into a fight arena.

TRAMPS WARN 'FRATERS' AGAINST COUNTY WORK

Dartmouth, N. J., Sept. 3.—With the State election with tramps at this season of the year, Salem County is protected at its border from the invasion of the idle army by the secret code of the knights of the road who have put their mark of a spade and pick on roads entering the county to warn away other tramps.

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Taking a cue from the State prison road camps which have been established for some years, Salem County has set to work to remove its county prison system from the class of "soft snap" for petty offenders and vagrants.

GIRL STRIKERS USE LEMONADE AS WEAPON

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Sept. 3.—Instead of trying to force out girls who refused to quit work, striking girls of a cigar factory in Brunswick, N. J., spread tables under trees near the factory and served sandwiches and lemonade. Within an hour the plant was tied up, the 300 girls coming all going out. They demand an increase in pay.

Policemen sent to the place were feted by the girls. Photographers were summoned by the strike leaders and took pictures of the pickets on duty at their tea tables.

ROMPED WITH HINDENBURG.

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 3.—Mrs. Bernhardt Dinn, 72, of Freeland, was romped with Field Marshal von Hindenburg, who has been elevated to the chief military position in the German empire, and she is much elated over his promotion.

She romped on the banks of the Rhine with Hindenburg, who is now sixty years ago, when the future war genius was 8 years old.

BIRTHS REPORTED.

WHITE.

Ira A. and Clara L. Garner, boy.

William E. and Marie W. Warner, boy.

Charles K. and Grace M. Ritter, girl.

Julian R. and Jeannette V. Payne, girl.

Nancy Elmore, Jr., 230 2nd st. w.

Theodore N. R. and Juliet H. Gill, boy.

William E. and Edna M. Dixon, girl.

James B. and Emma D. Cook, boy.

DEATHS REPORTED.

WHITE.

Catherine Freney, with years, H and 3d st. w.

Thomas E. Plau, 31 3/4 3d st. w.

Patrick O'Neil, 4 months, Children's Hosp.

Wm. Rodmiles, 8 months, E. Washington St. w.

Norval Sanford, 18 months, 22d st. w.

Wm. R. Fitch, Jr., 5 months, 344 Rock Creek Church road.

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Julia Williams, 36 years, Tuberculosis Hosp.

Wm. Williams, 40, Wash. Aqueduct Hosp.

Emma Johnson, 40, Freedmen's Hosp.

Nancy Gilmore, 39, 130 2nd st. w.

Jennie McAllister, 39, 2224 Ward place w.

Leone K. Turner, 18, 67 L st. w.

Joseph McKay, 3 months, 18 O st. w.

Round-up Staged in Jersey.

New York, Sept. 3.—The freight yard district of Jersey City staged a Wild West show Saturday when a steer escaped at the Jersey City Stock Yards near the foot of Sixth street, and started across town. Policemen, freight handlers and stockmen chased him with ropes and finally succeeded in capturing him.

Sues Father for False Arrest.

Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 3.—Mrs. Maggie Weaver has sued her father, Byron Doutrich, for \$5,000 damages for false arrest. The father prosecuted her for theft, but a search warrant failed to find the stolen property on the daughter's premises.

CHINA SEEKS JAP LOAN.

Hopes to Borrow \$30,000,000, Other Allies Aiding.

Peking, Sept. 3.—Being unable to obtain funds in the United States, Chinese officials are unwillingly responding to overtures from Japan to lend \$30,000,000 or a larger amount. The money is needed immediately for China's financial situation is a desperate one. The indications are that Japan's assistance will be accepted within a fortnight.

Great Britain, France and Russia will participate in the Japanese loan. The salt monopoly surplus probably will be the security.

500,000 GERMANS KILLED AT VERDUN

Teuton Efficiency Checkmated by French Spirit.

By C. F. BERTELLI.

(International News Service.)
Verdun, Sept. 3.—After six months of military effort unparalleled in the world's history, Verdun remains well outside the German grasp.

Half a million men sacrificed by Germany in the attempt have gone into the useless holocaust. Having had an opportunity today of thoroughly inspecting the whole Meuse battlefield from an exceptionally fine vantage point, I am convinced that Verdun will never fall into the enemy's hands.

At the same time there is plenty of evidence that this greatest battle in the world's history is by no means over. These blood-drenched ravines in which the teuton central nation have poured out their very life blood have proved Falkenhayn's graveyard and cost the crown prince his popularity.

When I explained to a prominent military chief of Germany's that Verdun was not to be taken, he quickly because they wish to hold the French on a carefully chosen battlefield, he laughed heartily.

Even at the moment of the highest pressure, said he, "Germany has never had any real superiority. It is not forts and military works that constitute the real defense of the Meuse stronghold. The Meuse is the key to the defense, whose France to deny the Kaiser this empty emblem of victory."

"Since the day that word came from headquarters that Verdun must be held at any cost, the whole French army has been in a state of readiness to go in to its defense and practically every battalion of the French army has in turn contributed to the stupendous sum of heroism which enabled France to stave off the invaders."

BERLIN CHEERFUL, SAYS COUNTESS BERNSTORFF

Women Wearing Light Colors, Despite Sorrows of War.

Special to The Washington Herald.
New York, Sept. 3.—"The cheerfulness of the people is the dominating impression I bring back from Germany," said the Countess von Bernstorff today.

The Countess, who was before her marriage Miss Lukemeyer, of New York, has been in Germany since the outbreak of the war. She arrived in this country Tuesday on the steamship Frederick VIII. Having come from Copenhagen.

"There is no depression in Germany," she said. "Not that there isn't sorrow. The losses of sons, brothers, fathers and husbands have naturally struck deep into the hearts and souls of the women."

"In Berlin there is very little mourning worn. The women still wear light colors. It is in the garbion towns like Potsdam that mourning becomes apparent."

Berlin is still gay. All the theaters are open and crowded. Bands are playing in the restaurants and the city at night is bright with lights. The town is permeated with cinema. Only bright and humorous pictures are shown.

"Women have replaced men in every industry, so that the productivity of the country is unimpaired."

"How about the Emperor?" the countess asked. "He is changed as reports say he is."

"I have seen photographs purporting to show how the Kaiser looked before and since the war," she said. "He looks today as if he were a haggard, drawn and almost on the point of dissolution. There has been no such change."

"I have seen similar photographs depicting terrible alterations in my husband's appearance since the war. Naturally they worried me. Now that I have returned I am happy to find that he has not changed at all—at least not for the worse."

"Some of the marvels has been the wonderful artificial limbs being made. At first these came from America. Now Germany is manufacturing some marvelous ones herself."

"I saw no food riots in Berlin, nor did I hear of any. I spent nearly a year there. Poor people did have to wait in line at shops, but there were no disorders."

"Now food conditions are much better. There has been a bumper crop and throughout Germany and restrictions are less stringent."

CLIMBS FIRE LADDER ON SPEEDING TRUCK

New York, Sept. 3.—Hook and Ladder 40 swept through West One Hundred and Seventeenth street last night with great extension ladder sprouted higher and higher as two of the crew fought to turn the windlass while far up its length and still climbing were Firemen Bowler and Boldard.

As it neared 11 West One Hundred and Seventeenth street a woman and a man stood in the windows of the fourth floor, framed in smoke, which was pouring out of the room behind them, and lit by the flames which were being licked out from the window below.

Mrs. Julia Korn and her son, Nathan, were not warned until the floor below them was a mass of flames, cutting off their escape. They rushed to the front windows of their apartment and stood on the sills, watching for the ladder truck, which they knew was their only chance.

Leut. Hughes, of the truck, saw the two figures and still several blocks away. By his orders the extension ladder windlass was manned and Bowler and Boldard started to climb to the window where Mrs. Korn was standing, and the two men began to bring her down to safety—the whole 220 pounds of her. Firemen Kruger and Walker rescued her son.

BOY TELLS SUFFRAGIST ORATOR TO MIND BABY

New York, Sept. 3.—After listening to a suffragist orator hold forth for ninety-six minutes and Broadway last night, Terry Casey, 18 years old, a newsboy, suggested to the speaker that she had better go home, mind her baby and get on with her own business.

The crowd laughed and followed his lead in annoying the speaker until Patrolman Vachuda arrested him for disorderly conduct and locked him up in the West One Hundredth street police station.

PAPER DEMAND IS FAR IN EXCESS OF SUPPLY

Eastern Mills Now More Than Three Months Behind Their Orders.

Demand for paper now is 30 per cent higher than production and mills throughout New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio now are ninety-five days behind in orders, on the average, according to Ross P. Andrews, head of the R. P. Andrews Paper Company, with local stores at 100 Louisiana avenue and 72-73 Thirteenth street northwest.

Mr. Andrews has just returned from a 1,500-mile automobile trip in his Winston 35, visiting more than 100 towns in Pennsylvania alone, and attending the annual meeting of the Hammill Paper Company at Erie, Pa., owners of one of the most extensive paper mills in the country, and famous for their Hammill brand and Hammermill brand.

The high prices of paper are due to the great excess of demand over supply," said Mr. Andrews last night. "The average yearly increase in demand for paper in this country is 5 per cent, and during the last five years it has been 10 per cent. The reciprocity bill was passed—the production facilities have not been increased at all. The reciprocity act struck a hard blow at the paper industry in this country by admitting Canadian paper to the United States free of duty."

"The Underwood tariff act of the Democrats was another blow, so it may be said that the two parties are equally responsible in a way for the paper situation. But the Underwood tariff would not in itself have been so dreadful a blow. The most telling of all blows was the war. It shut off sources on which the United States had depended for its wood pulp supply, and more important still, it cut off the supply of colorings and bleaching materials, so essential in the manufacture of paper of superior quality. About 60 per cent of our wood pulp is supplied by our own country, but it is our chief reliance to get the colorings and bleaching materials in this country. Bleaching plants now are being erected by some of the paper manufacturers in this country. But it will be a year or more before they will be completed."

Customers Bid Up Prices.
"The accusation is heard that the manufacturer and the jobber are raising the price of paper. But it is not they who are responsible; it is the consumers. On account of the scarcity of paper, consumers are offering unheard-of prices for their product—not because such prices are demanded, but because they are willing to get the paper at any price."

"Only recently I sold a large quantity of paper at 40 cents a pound, for which I could have received but a couple of pence had I sold to persons outside my regular clientele. Other firms are turning down high bids in the same way, for it seems to be the general policy among dealers to take the money and run. Through this policy the jobbers are losing a possible profit, ranging from 30 to 100 per cent, but they believe that home trade deserves first consideration."

"South America formerly depended almost entirely upon Germany for her paper supply. This supply now is cut off. At the outbreak of the war the Southern republics had a large supply on hand, but this supply long ago has become exhausted, and now the countries are looking to the United States for their paper supply. Three days ago I received a South American order for five carloads of paper at any price I might name, and yet I felt compelled to turn down that order to supply the local demand."

Peace Will Be Only Relief.
"There is no hope in sight until peace is declared. It is the consensus of opinion among paper manufacturers and dealers that it will take fully two years following the war for the paper situation to adjust itself to normal here."

While at Erie, Pa., Mr. Andrews engaged in the annual tournament staged by the Hammill Paper Company. His wife, repeating his record of last year.

With respect to general business conditions Mr. Andrews said: "Prosperity is apparent on all sides, despite high prices. Few loafers and idlers are to be found, even in small towns. Work is plentiful. At Erie the munitions plants are working night and day. One plant has received an order for \$2,000,000 worth of munitions to be delivered to one of the allies by September 1, 1917. Common laborers are being paid fifty cents an hour in these plants. As a consequence the Hammill company is having difficulty in holding on to its employees. The munitions plants are hiring bellboys, waiters, bartenders, and any one they can pick up. One woman had to suspend operations temporarily because its force deserted to one of the munitions plants."